

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE  
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*In the matter of:*

*JOHN B. MATTHEW  
Application No PCT/US98/16974  
Filed: 17 AUG 98  
For: Papermaking Refiner Plates*

*Hon. Commissioner of Patents & Trademarks  
Washington D.C. 20231*

Sir:

**VERIFIED DECLARATION OF STATUS AS SMALL ENTITY**

*John B Matthew residing at 21 East Rocks Road, Norwalk, Conn., 06851 declares under oath, with effect as of 17 August 1998 that:*

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